

Healthy Chicago Lawn



Community Assessments – Part 2

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Healthy Chicago Lawn Community Assessments – Part 1

At the last meeting we presented:

1. Community Health Status

- **Statistics**

2. Health Behaviors

- **BRFSS survey**

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Today we will present:

- 1. Forces and Trends**
- 2. Community Perceptions**
 - Focus groups
 - Key Informant Interviews
- 3. CLAM**

Focus Groups

Groups Conducted (70 Participants):

- Mixed adults
- African American
- Senior Citizens
- Youth
- Women in Arabic
- Men in Arabic
- Women in Spanish
- Men in Spanish
- Lithuanian

Focus Groups

66 participants filled out a short demographic and health survey.

Respondent Characteristics:

- 23 male, 43 female
- Average age = 44.5
- 45% foreign born

Focus Groups

Respondent Health Results:

- 27 said they have a medical problem – 7 of those have high blood pressure, 4 have diabetes
- 62% have health insurance, 38% do not
 - 9 of the 11 Spanish speaking participants do not have insurance – they all seek care outside of the community or do not seek care at all.
 - 7 of the 10 women in the Arabic speaking group do not have insurance

Focus Groups

Where do the respondents go for medical care?

- **Hospitals – 42%**
 - 36% Holy Cross
 - 14% Christ Advocate
 - 14% University of Chicago
 - 11% Cook County
 - 11% Mac Neal
 - 25% Other
- **Medical Center – 23%**
- **Private Doctor – 17%**
- **Don't go to doctor – 4%**
- **No answer – 14%**

Focus Groups - Responses

1. What do you like best about Chicago Lawn?

- Diversity – 14
- Accessible to services and transportation – 12
- The people/neighbors – 9
- Marquette Park – 9
- Care of property/landscaping/cleanliness – 7
- Quiet/calm/nice area/little trouble/safe/stable – 7
- Police/Marquette Park Security (new police station) - 4

Focus Groups - Responses

2. What are some of the key issues in Chicago Lawn?

- Safety/crime/violence – 13
- Lack of programs for youth – 12
- Gangs – 10
- Lack of accessible/affordable health care – 8
- Unemployment/lack of stable jobs – 7
- Housing issues (foreclosure, turnover, high prices) – 6

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Focus Groups - Responses

2. Key issues in Chicago Lawn? (Continued)

- Drugs – 4
- Police - 4
- Racism – 4
- Overcrowding in houses and schools – 4
- Community involvement - 4

Focus Groups - Responses

3. What do you think are the top 2 or 3 problems in Chicago Lawn?

- Gangs – 14
- Safety/crime/violence – 8
- Lack of accessible/affordable health clinics – 8
- Unemployment (adult and youth) – 8
- Drugs – 7
- School dropouts – 5
- Lack of grocery stores – 4
- Lack of services - 4

Focus Groups - Responses

4. When you think about the health of your community, what would you say is going well?

- Community Participation (events, meetings) – 8
- Local institutions (HCH, Library, senior services...) - 7
- Marquette Park – 6
- Diversity – 4
- Police/Security – 4
- New families/good neighbors – 4
- School programs (sports, clubs) – 4
- Community Organizations - 4

Focus Groups - Responses

5. What do you currently do to help keep your community healthy?

- Clean/take care of own property, block, neighbors – 15
- Participation in block club, parties/neighborliness – 15
- Activities with neighborhood youth (park, mentor) – 12
- Community Participation (events, meetings) – 12
- Direct service to residents/volunteer – 5
- Serve as precinct captain – 4
- Neighborhood watch/police - 4

Focus Groups - Responses

6. When you think about the health of your community, what would you say ISN'T going well?

- Crime (prostitution, gangs, violence) – 11
- Drugs/alcohol – 8
- Parental attention – 7
- Housing (absentee landlords, maintenance) - 6
- Lack of awareness/information - 6
- Park issues (activities, safety) – 4
- Police issues (#s, ineffective strategies) – 4
- Knowledge, attitudes, beliefs about health - 4

Focus Groups - Responses

7. What barriers do you or people you know in the community deal with when trying to stay healthy?

- Financial/lack of resources – 10
- Language – 7
- Lack of health services/insurance – 7
- Crime (drugs, gangs, violence) - 7
- Lack of involvement/interest – 6
- Lack of grocery stores/farmer's market - 5

Focus Groups - Responses

8. What would help you to make it easier to keep your community healthy?

- Community participation/involvement/interaction (among races, languages, cultures) – 18
- More political and economic resources – 9
- Clean up garbage – 4
- Activities for youth – 4
- Increase/improve relationship with police - 4

Focus Groups - Responses

9. When there's an emergency in your community, where do you go for information?

- Police Station – 7
- Media (TV, Radio) – 5
- Alderman's Office – 4
- Stay home – 4
- Community organization - 4

Focus Groups - Responses

10. If you could change 1-3 things in Chicago Lawn, what would you want to change and how? Rank the 1-3 things.

- Get rid of gangs, violence, drugs – 10
- More police patrolling (park, schools) - 9
- More community involvement, getting to know and respect each other – 6
- More programs for youth/get youth off corners – 4
- Better communication/ensure that residents are well-informed – 4
- Improve services in Marquette Park/reduce fees – 4

Key Informant Interviews

Who was interviewed?

- 11 interviews conducted by HCL members
- Interviewees included Community Leaders, Religious Leaders, and Service Providers

Key Informant Interviews

Community Leaders:

- Fatima Abu-Eid - SANAD
- Joyce Jager – Eberhart Elementary
- Maggie Perales – SWOP

Religious Leaders:

- *Judith Anderson – New Hope Ministry*
- Father John Deerhammer – St. Gall

Public Officials:

- *Senator Collins, 16th District*
- *Alderman Thomas, 15th District*

Service Providers:

- Officer Aguilera – 8th District Police Beat Officer
- Ida Anger – Metropolitan Family Services
- Nafisa Arozullah – IMAN Health Clinic
- Sister Therese DelGenio – PADS
- Linda Ewing – Holy Cross Hospital Community Outreach
- Sr. Dr. Nancy Streitmatter - Cardiologist
- Dr. Wakim – Holy Cross Hospital Emergency Department

Key Informant Interviews - Responses

1. What do you like best about Chicago Lawn?

- Diversity – 6
- Sense of Community/
collaboration/people/clean – 6

Key Informant Interviews - Responses

2. What do you think are the top 3 issues in Chicago Lawn? Why?

- Gangs/violence – 7
- Race/culture/language – 4
- Access to health care/insurance – 4
- Housing (abandoned property, overcrowding, affordability) – 4
- Lack of information about programs/services – 2
- Unemployment – 2
- Overcrowding in schools – 2

Key Informant Interviews - Responses

3. When you think about the health of your community, what would you say is going well? Why?

- Community organizations/coalitions – 5
- Holy Cross Hospital Community Outreach – 3
- Holy Cross Hospital (ER, physician referral, volunteer podiatrist) - 3

Key Informant Interviews - Responses

4. What do you currently do to help keep your community healthy?

- Direct service – 9
- Build networks to maintain connections/
participate in collaborations – 5
- Stay informed and active in the community - 3

Key Informant Interviews - Responses

5. When you think about the health of your community, what would you say ISN'T going well? Why?

- Lack of access to adequate health care/insurance – 9
- Knowledge/attitudes/beliefs about services/health – 5
- Gun violence and gangs – 3
- Health systems (lack of funding for inner-city hospitals, high insurance for physicians) - 2
- Lack of affordable rent and utilities – 2
- Immigration issues (fear, lack of services) - 2

Key Informant Interviews - Responses

6. What barriers do you or people you know in the community deal with when trying to stay healthy?

- Lack of cultural knowledge/language barrier (among residents and service providers) – 9
- Financial – 6
- Lack of insurance – 5
- Access to transportation – 3

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Key Informant Interviews - Responses

6. What barriers... (Continued)

- Trust (providers, institutions) – 2
- Turnover in community – 2
- Lack of knowledge about healthy lifestyle – 2
- Lack of access to health services/follow-up - 2

Key Informant Interviews - Responses

7. Do you have any suggestions for making it easier to keep your community healthy?

- More accessible/affordable health care – 7
- Increased health education – 4
- Increased awareness of services and resources – 3
- Increased coordinated efforts, networking – 2
- More drug, alcohol, smoking cessation programs – 2

Key Informant Interviews - Responses

8. If you could change 1-3 things in Chicago Lawn, what would they be and how would you change them? Please rank them.

- Increased access to health care/rehab units – 6
- Increased collaboration/networking/communication/investment in community – 5
- Increased health education – 3
- Increased access to health insurance – 2

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Key Informant Interviews - Responses

8. If you could change 1-3 things (continued)

- Increased access to information – 2
- Increased access to language-sensitive services – 2
- People should call police/participate in CAPS – 2
- Reduce violence - 2